

# WMA COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS IN IRAN

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## Preamble

The WMA is deeply concerned by the recent reports of violence against protesters in Iran. Many people are reported to have died in the ongoing protests against the Iranian regime and many more are said to have been detained. In addition, reports indicate that medical vehicles are being abused by Iranian authorities to bring protesters to detention.

The WMA calls on the Iranian authorities to:

- Fully adhere to its human rights obligations, including the right to peaceful demonstration;
- Respect the autonomy of physicians and in particular their ethical duty to provide care to anyone on the basis of medical need alone, and

Ensure that healthcare equipment and facilities are used for health care purposes only.